

# **CAPITAL AREA TRANSIT**

## **PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

### **Meeting Minutes**

CAT, 901 N Cameron St, Harrisburg

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

### **Attendance**

Robert Philbin

William Peterson

Mike Begler

Cathy Long

Sherry Welsh

Angela Susten

Kirstie Weidman

May 7, 2019 minutes read and approved.

**Newsletter** – Bob Philbin is working on a June newsletter. Carolyn O'Brien has provided some input. Mike Begler suggested that the information on the 21 day Ridership be included.

- Riders do not have to be residents of Harrisburg to ride Share Ride busses. If someone comes to Harrisburg from any other location, CAT will request their application from they're previous or current share ride department and give them a 21 day ridership while their CAT application is being processed. This applies to ADA and PWD riders. Seniors automatically qualify.

Mr. Philbin commented that the new fare boxes coming soon may affect the current 21 day process.

**New Fare Boxes** – Bill Peterson, CCB, said that Palm Springs transportation uses the fare boxes that CAT intends to use, and gives them a thumbs up. Palm Springs also has training sessions on alternative fuels, hydrogen and electric, very efficient.

**Rabbit Trans** – Presently Rabbit is actively involved with the strategic planning for the 18 month mark for 3P Ride. Working to redefine priority populations, goals and structure. They hope that by August they have a better understanding of how the 3P Ride board is feeling about the project.

They are moving forward with expanding veteran services into Dauphin and other counties. Mr. Peterson asked for a recap of the details of the veterans' project...

- CAT and Rabbit will work together, expanding veteran transportation services throughout York County, Cumberland County, Adams County, Columbia County and Dauphin County.

Mr. Philbin mentioned including this info in the newsletter.

Rich Farr, CATs interim general manager from Rabbit Transportation, posted an article on Penn Live, May 13, 2019 titled, it's our turn to serve our veterans. Mr. Farr's LinkedIn Page also contains updates about future plans.

**MATP** – CCB continues to enroll an average of 122 customers each month. They currently have over 30,000 consumers using their services.

**Department of Human Services to change the way MATP is done** – Presently there are 67 counties in PA that report to DHS and by January 2020, all those counties will be contained in 3 regions. Eastern, Western and Central. Mr. Peterson, Mr. Farr and the Pennsylvania Public Transit Association have been campaigning in support of House Bill 986 and Senate Bill 390 requesting the Department of Human Services to reconsider the process. Once a change has been determined, there will be a 6 month window to implement it.

Mr. Begler informed the committee about an opinion article in Penn Live on June 3, 2019 by Pam Snyder titled, we must protect the medical assistance transportation program. Pam lives in the Western region and explains that this procedure is not good for rural areas.

The Department of Human Services (DHS) is holding meetings on Community Health Choices throughout the state. Mr. Peterson was at a meeting in Kutztown recently, where they talked specifically about its effects on transportation. Transportation brokers apply to be part of this manage care system. There would be one broker in charge of approximately 27 counties in the central region. Although, it is possible for one broker to manage 2 regions. The transportation providers in each county would report to the one broker and the broker would report to the state. This process showed a reduction in the use of service in Texas.

**Dauphin County Update** – Currently executing MATP 2019/2020 contracts. They've contracted with the same 6 providers for several years. Depending on the Department of Human Services' decision, June 2020 would be the end of Dauphin County's involvement with MATP.

**Performance metrics** – Numbers will be circulated to the committee when available.

**Note the CAT/PWD Advisory 2019 meeting dates**

July 2, 2019	September 3, 2019	November 5, 2019
August 6, 2019	October 1, 2019	December 3, 2019

**Next meeting is Tuesday, June 2, 2019 @ 10:30.**

**Meeting Adjourn**